News-Item Captioned Born again for Rs. 1200/-

2532. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Statesman (Delhi) dated the May 16th, 1992, captioned "Born again for Rs. 1,200," mentioning rampant corruption in the birth and death certification office of NDMC; and

(b) if so, what measures Government have taken to check the existing corruption ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The Delhi Municipal Committee has informed that in order to improve the system of registration of births and deaths and to prevent the issue of fake certificates, the followings teps have been taken :—

i. The nine Centres for Birth and Death Registration under NDMC have been provided with only numbered stationery which is kept under lock & key in the Centre. Proper record is maintained regularly for stationery.

ii. Central Receipt Register is maintained properly in respect of applications, money received and issuance/despatch of birth/death certificates in the concerned centres.

iii. Birth and Death certificates are issued under the signature and stamp of the Centre by the concerned Sub-Registrar which is countersigned by the Registrar (Births & Deaths). Only those officers are allowed to sign the certificates whose signatures have already been kept in the record with the Statistical Assistant.

iv. Birth & Death Certificate is issued within three working days of the receipt of the application. A proforma has been prescribed for the convenience of the public which is available with all Sub-Registrars.

v. Registrar (Birth & Death) is required to make atleast one visit per weak to all sub-centres.

vi. A notice has been displayed at every sub-centre that in case of any complaint, the public can approach the prescribed authorities.

vii. The work to computerise the issue of Birth/Death certificates has also been taken up.

Slum clearance scheme in Metropolitan Cities

2533. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV

SHRI SURENDER SINGH :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the special attention is given in slum clearance scheme in different Metropolitan cities of India i.e. Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta, Madras and Hyderabad ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Bombay is the greatest city of a slum in the world ;

(c) what special plan is being made to remove slum from Bombay during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so what are the details thereof?